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GAUGE CONVERSION OF GONDIA-NAGBHIR-NAGPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the conversion of Chandrapur−Gondia−Nagbhir−Nagpur raillines to broad gauge was taken up by the railways;

(b) whether a part of the work covering about 242 kms. from Chandrapur to Gondia was completed about three years back;

(c) whether the work on the remaining portion of this sector Naghbir−Nagpur covering a distance of about 120 kms. is yet to be started;

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking up the conversion work on the remaining portion from Naghbir to Nagpur during the last three years; and

(e) the time by which the Government propose to take up and complete the work on this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Gauge conversion of the erstwhile Gondia−Nagbhir−Chanda Fort narrow gaugesection into broad gauge was only taken up and has been completed and commissioned in 1998−99.

(c): Gauge conversion of Nagpur−Nagbhir narrow gauge section is not a sanctionedwork. However, a survey for conversion of this section from narrow gauge into broad gauge is in progress.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.